

MINUTES OF THE
TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD
BOARD MEETING

March 29, 2017 – 9:30 A.M.

Chairman Bech K. Bruun called to order the meeting of the Texas Water Development Board at 9:30 a.m. in Room 170 of the Stephen F. Austin Building, 1700 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. In addition to Chairman Bruun, Directors Kathleen Jackson and Peter Lake were also in attendance, and a quorum was present.

The General Counsel announced the first item for consideration:

1. DISCUSSION REGARDING OUTREACH EFFORTS AND ACTIVITIES BY THE BOARD.

No action was taken on this item.

2. CONSIDER APPROVING THE 2016 TEXAS RAIN CATCHER AWARDS. Mindy Conyers, Water Science and Conservation, presented this item. Chris Jackson and Matt Haney also addressed the Board.

Director Jackson moved to approve awarding the 2016 Texas Rain Catcher Awards to the following, by respective category:

Agricultural: Martin Family Farms
Educational: Herbert Marcus Elementary School
Governmental: New Braunfels Utilities
Manufacturing: Samuel Jackson, Incorporated
Residential: Bethune Project

as recommended by our Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Director Lake; it passed unanimously.

3. CONSIDER APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE WATER CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL. Mindy Conyers, Water Science and Conservation, presented this item.

Director Lake moved to appoint Jennifer Allis to fill the current term of the vacant seat representing the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and the following term to expire August 31, 2023, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Director Jackson; it passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDER APPROVING BY RESOLUTION A REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF ARLINGTON (TARRANT COUNTY) TO AMEND TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD RESOLUTION 17-001, TO REFLECT A CHANGE TO CONDITION NO. 39 RELATING TO THE CITY'S ADDITIONAL BONDS TEST. Luis Farias, Water Supply and Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Jackson moved to adopt the proposed Resolution amending Texas Water Development Board Resolution 17-001, to reflect a change to condition No. 39 relating to the City's additional bonds test, as recommended by our Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Director Lake; it passed unanimously.

5. CONSIDER APPROVING BY RESOLUTION A REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF FORT WORTH (TARRANT, DENTON, JOHNSON, PARKER AND WISE COUNTIES) TO AMEND TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD RESOLUTION 17-004, TO REFLECT A CHANGE TO CONDITION NO. 37 RELATING TO THE REQUIRED RESERVE FUND. Luis Farias, Water Supply and Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Lake moved to adopt the proposed Resolution amending Texas Water Development Board Resolution 17-004, to reflect a change to condition No. 37 relating to the required reserve fund, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Director Jackson it passed unanimously.

6. CONSIDER APPROVING BY RESOLUTION, A REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF WINTERS (RUNNELS COUNTY) FOR \$822,054 IN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE CONSISTING OF A \$580,000 LOAN AND \$242,054 IN PRINCIPAL FORGIVENESS FROM THE DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS. Jesse Milonovich, Water Supply and Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Jackson moved to adopt the proposed Resolution providing the City of Winters financial assistance from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to finance the construction of water system improvements, as recommended by our Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Director Lake; it passed unanimously.

7. CONSIDER APPROVING BY RESOLUTION A REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF TOYAH (REEVES COUNTY) FOR \$200,000 IN PRINCIPAL FORGIVENESS FROM THE DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND TO FINANCE THE PLANNING, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS AND A REQUEST FOR A WAIVER FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO INCLUDE FUNDS TO MITIGATE WATER LOSS AS PART OF THE PROJECT. Lee Huntoon, Water Supply and Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Lake moved to adopt the proposed Resolution providing the City of Toyah financial assistance from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to finance planning, design, and construction of water system improvements and a request for a waiver from the requirement to include funds to mitigate water loss as part of the project, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Director Jackson; it passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDER APPROVING BY RESOLUTION A REQUEST FROM ACTON MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT (HOOD COUNTY) FOR \$644,500 IN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE CONSISTING OF A \$550,000 LOAN AND \$94,500 IN PRINCIPAL FORGIVENESS FROM THE CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND TO FINANCE PLANNING AND DESIGN OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS. Caaren Skrobarczyk, Water Supply and Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Jackson moved to adopt the proposed Resolution providing the Acton Municipal Utility District financial assistance from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund to finance planning and design of wastewater treatment plant improvements, as recommended by our Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Director Lake; it passed unanimously.

9. CONSIDER APPROVING THE 2017 STATE WATER IMPLEMENTATION FUND FOR TEXAS PRIORITIZATION LIST, THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS AVAILABLE BY CATEGORY, THE TERMS OF SUBSIDY, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR TO PROCEED WITH THE INVITATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. Matt Nelson, Water Supply and Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Lake moved to approve the 2017 State Water Implementation Fund for Texas prioritization list, the amount of funds available by category, the terms of subsidy, and authorize the invitation of applications for financial assistance, as presented and recommended by the Executive Administrator in the Memorandum to the Board, dated March 29, 2017.

The motion was seconded by Director Jackson; it passed unanimously.

10. CONSIDER APPROVING THE DESIGNATION OF A FIRM TO SERVE AS DISCLOSURE COUNSEL TO THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR ANY SERVICES NEEDED RELATING TO MUNICIPAL BOND DISCLOSURE. David Duran, Debt and Portfolio Management, presented this item.

Director Jackson moved to approve the designation of Bracewell LLP to serve as disclosure counsel to the Texas Water Development Board for any services needed relating to municipal bond disclosure through the term of their contract, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Director Lake; it passed unanimously.

11. BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION ON WATER CONDITIONS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS. Mark Wentzel, Water Science and Conservation, presented this item.

No action was taken on this item.

12. No public comments were received.

Chairman Bruun recognized Jacob Bywaters and Aron Pena from Lt. Governor Dan Patrick's Office, who were attending the meeting today.

13. The Board did not meet in Executive Session.

The Board meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

APPROVED and ordered of record this, the 29th day of March, 2017.

TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Bech K. Bruun, Chairman

DATE SIGNED: _____

ATTEST:

Jeff Walker
Executive Administrator